## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, 26, 29 are amended; the amendments correct typographical errors, use the standard phrases for U.S. prosecution and avoid using "preferably" clauses. The claim amendments are without prejudice to or disclaimer of any subject matter.

Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-24), with traverse.

Under the international rules for unity, properly applied, a restriction requirement would not be necessary. Applicant's Claim 25 which the Examiner has characterized as being in Group II is a method of using "a composition according to claim 1" (Claim 25). Please refer to MPEP 1850 concerning unity of invention, and particularly to section III ("Illustrations of particular situations"), especially to section A. regarding "Combinations of Different Categories of Claims" in which the MPEP explains: "The method for determining unity of invention under PCT Rule 13 shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combination of claims of different categories in the same international application:

(A) In addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for a use of the said product. "

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